135. Opening of a lower grade secondary school for girls at Mavelikara.

Mr. C. K. Krishna Pillai (Member, Mavelikara taluk) said that the people of Mavelikara offered to provide a building for the opening of a lower grade secondary school for girls. More than 100 girls were now available.

Dewan.—In regard to the secondary schools I think the people have sufficiently understood the policy of Government. It is their general policy, though not an invariable rule, that no more departmental schools should be opened by them. Such schools should as far as possible be started and worked by the people and the Government would be prepared to give liberal grants. This I now repeat for the information of all the Members.

The Member then said that if the Government would, at any time, grant the concession to any locality, Mavelikara would deserve it before any other taluk or town. Further, the policy was all right as far as boys' schools were concerned, but the girls' schools deserved exceptional treatment. There were so many secondary schools for boys in the town but none for girls. A few girls were now attending schools along with the boys. The Director had replied that the school could not be sanctioned during the current year. He prayed that, in view of the hopes contained in that reply, a school might be established in the near future.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

136. Educational needs of the Muvattupuzha taluk.

Mr. N. Sankara Pillai (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) said that, in point of population and area, the taluk stood foremost and that considering the circumstance that some taluks had even more than one lower grade secondary school, the existing lower grade secondary school at Muvattupuzha deserved to be raised to the higher grade. The people were ready to povide the building. The Member therefore requested that the present lower grade secondary school be raised to the higher grade gradually, by opening one class every year.

The Member then represented that, with the separation of the higher from the lower classes in the elementary schools, the people were being asked to find accommodation for the lower classes. He requested that the classes might be ordered to be held in one of the Government buildings which were available for the purpose and the school continued as hitherto.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

137. Opening of a higher grade elementary and a lower grade secondary school at Kothamangalam.

Mr. Thariathu Kunji Thomman (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) said that the the present lower grade elementary school at Kothamangalam should be raised to the higher grade.

Dewan.—Have you got sufficient accommodation for Class V in the present building, and if not, are the people ready to find the required accommodation?

Member.—The accommodation in the present building is sufficient for opening Class V.

Dewan.—If there is accommodation, the Government have no objection to consider the question of opening Class V favourably.

The Member then said that the taluk ranked very high among the taluks of the State, in point of extent and population. In the northern half of the taluk, there was no secondary school. The peple had to go to Kunnatnad and other places for English education. The portion he represented was the least educated part, not only in the taluk, but even in the whole State. He therefore prayed that a lower grade secondary school might be opened at Kothamangalam.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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